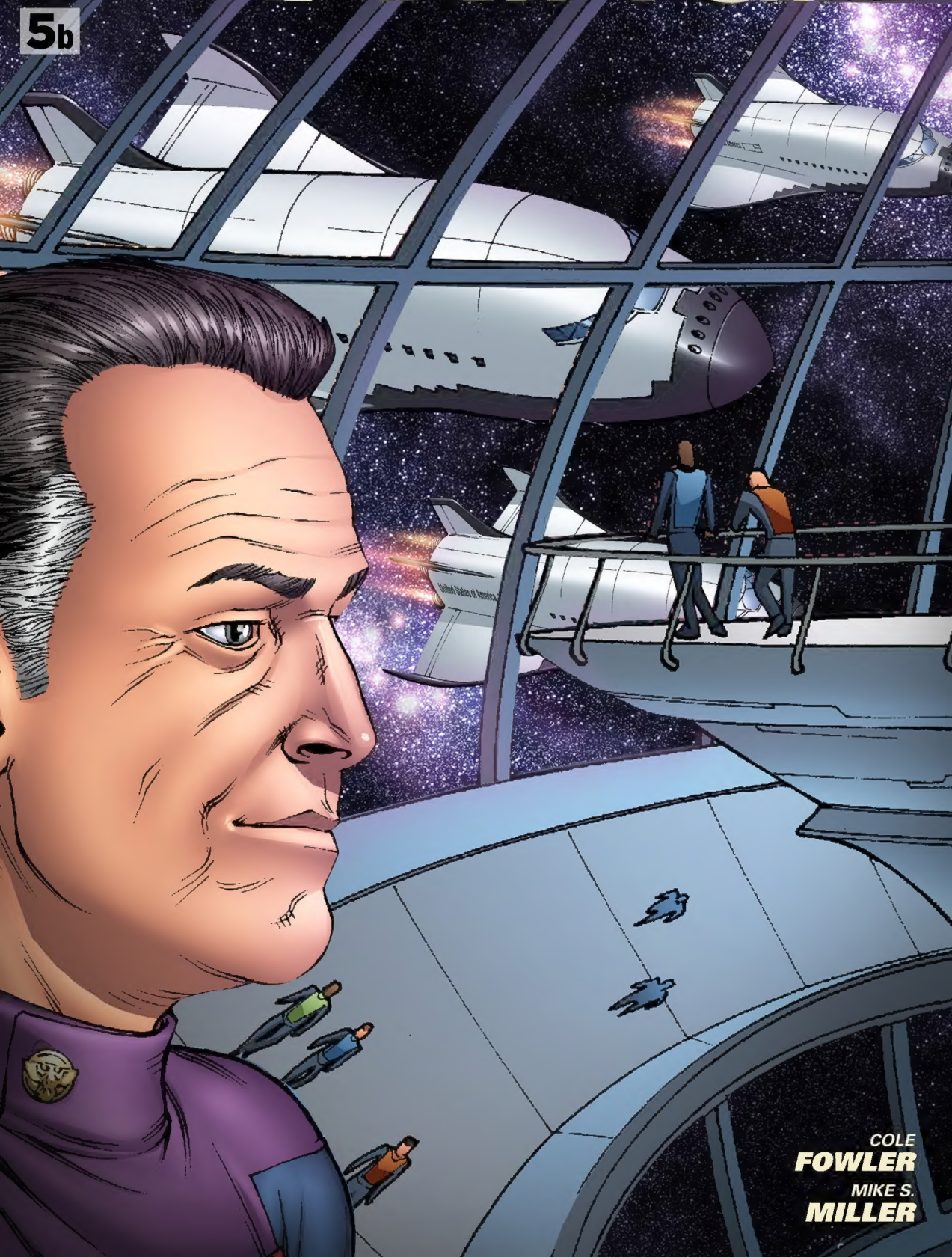




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WALTER OUTLIVED THE EARTH
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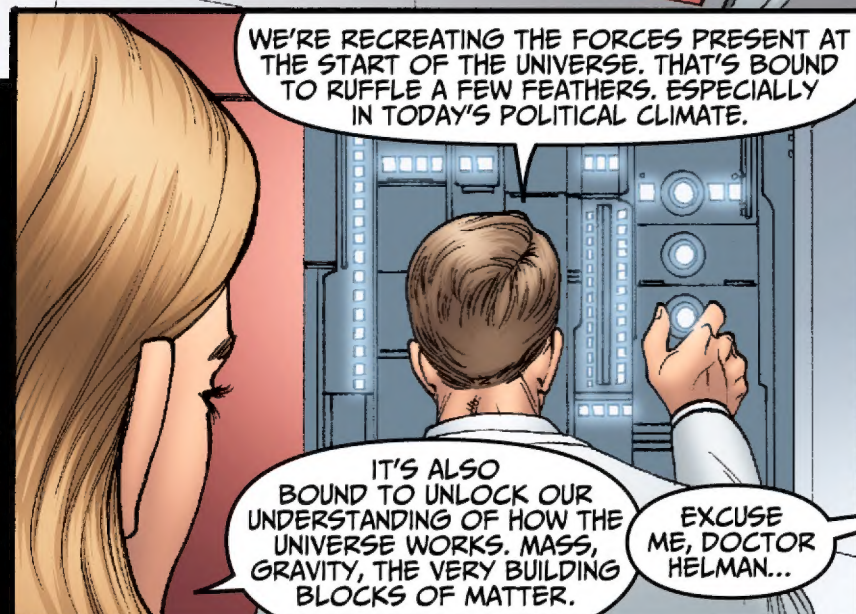
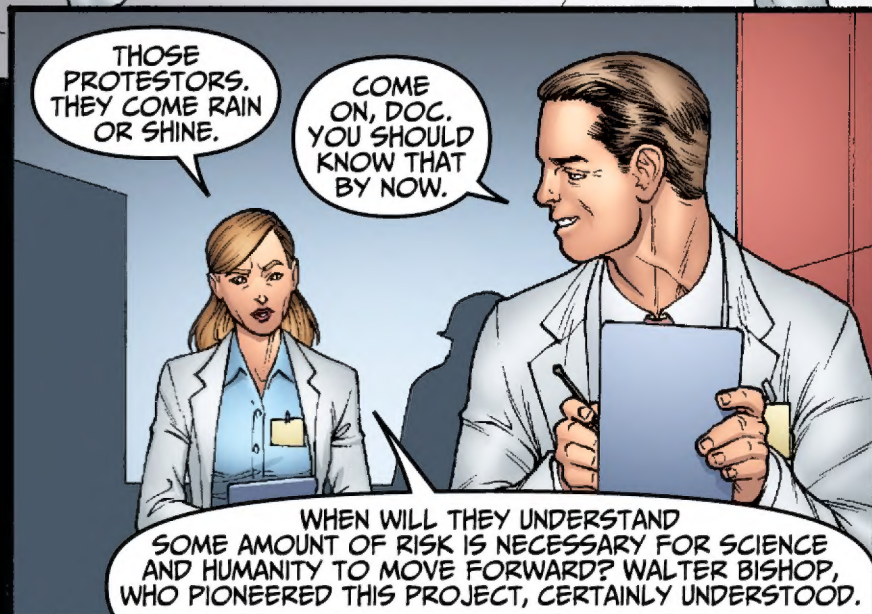
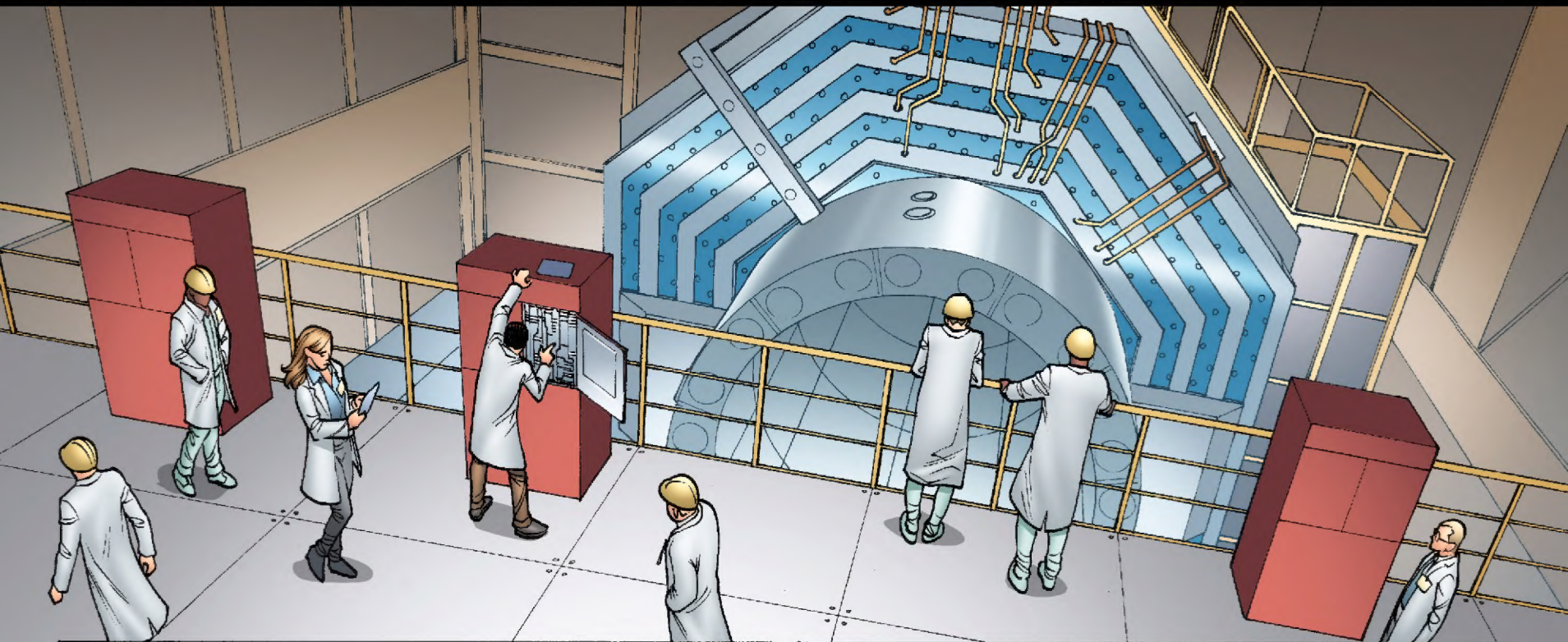
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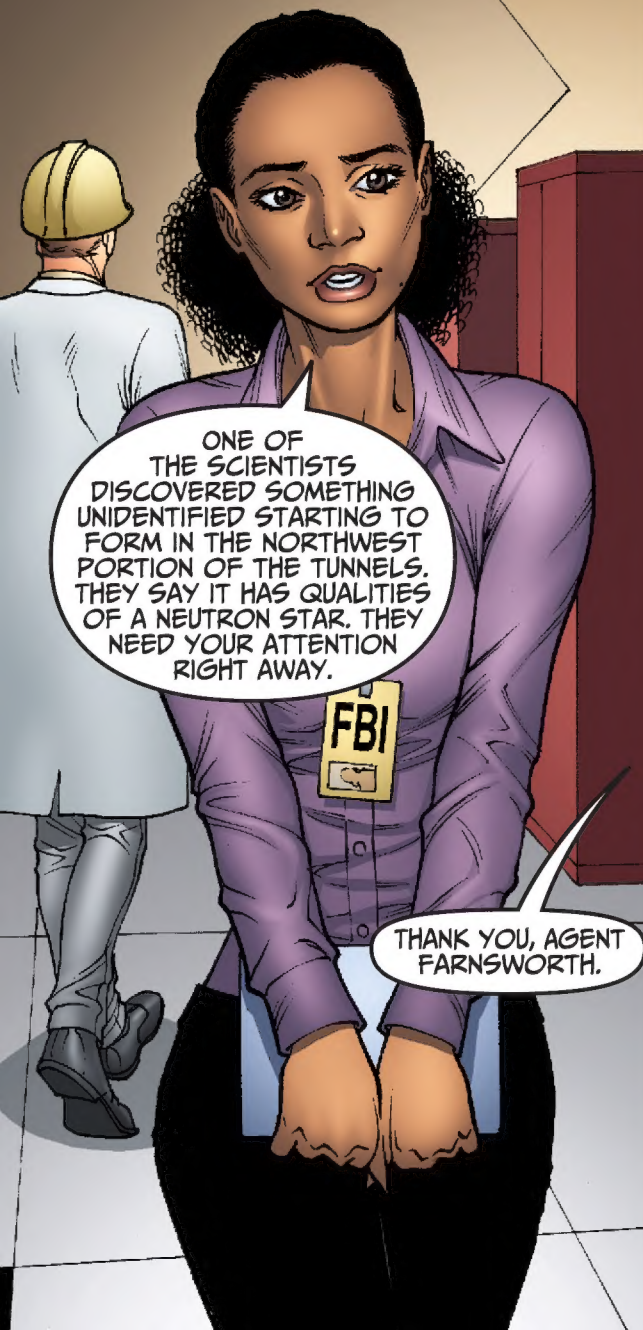
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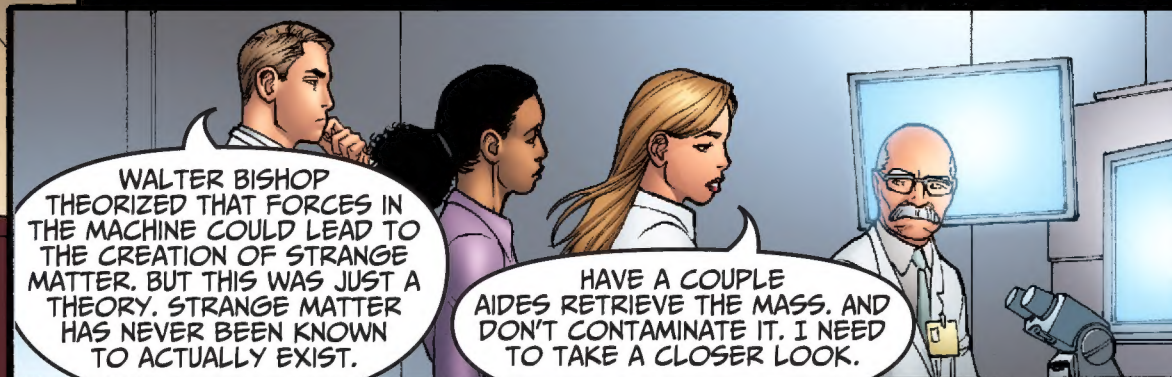




ONE OF THE SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED SOMETHING UNIDENTIFIED STARTING TO FORM IN THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE TUNNELS. THEY SAY IT HAS QUALITIES OF A NEUTRON STAR. THEY NEED YOUR ATTENTION RIGHT AWAY.

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THANK YOU, AGENT FARNSWORTH.



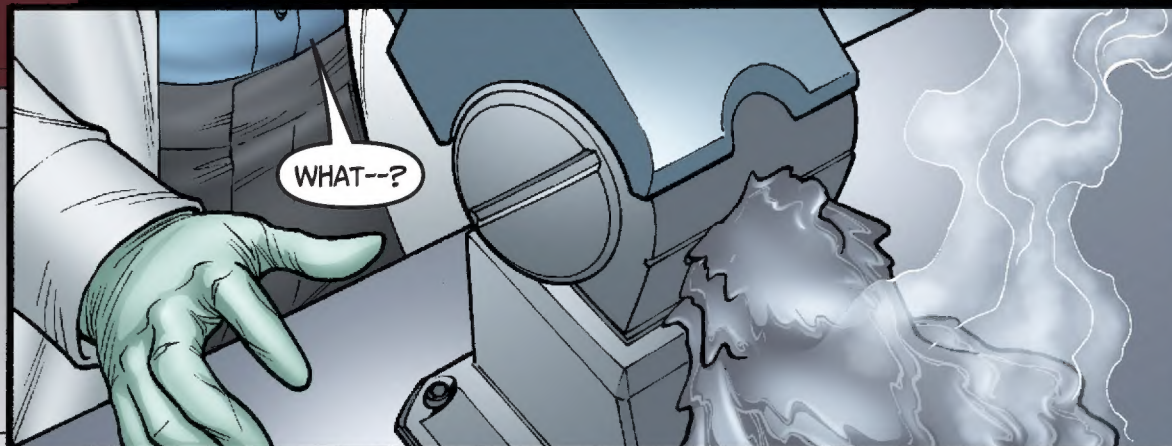
WALTER BISHOP THEORIZED THAT FORCES IN THE MACHINE COULD LEAD TO THE CREATION OF STRANGE MATTER. BUT THIS WAS JUST A THEORY. STRANGE MATTER HAS NEVER BEEN KNOWN TO ACTUALLY EXIST.

HAVE A COUPLE AIDES RETRIEVE THE MASS. AND DON'T CONTAMINATE IT. I NEED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.



ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA? WE DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THIS MATTER ACTUALLY IS.

YOU STICK TO YOUR JOB, AGENT. I'LL STICK TO MINE.



WHAT--?



NASA SPACE
CENTER.
PITTSFIELD,
MASSACHUSETTS.

THAT'S RIGHT.
DR. FAYETTE INSISTS
THE STRANGE MATTER
WAS ABLE TO STABILIZE.
AND ACCORDING TO
PREVAILING THEORIES, IT
WON'T STOP UNTIL IT'S
CONSUMED EVERY ATOM
ON THIS PLANET.

I'VE NOTIFIED
THE PRESIDENT
AND THE U.N. WE'RE
LAUNCHING AS
MANY SHIPS AS
WE CAN...

...BUT TO SAY
WE'VE BEEN CAUGHT
OFF-GUARD WOULD BE
AN UNDERSTATEMENT.

AN ESTIMATED
ONE HOUR UNTIL
MATTER DESTROYS
LAUNCHPADS.

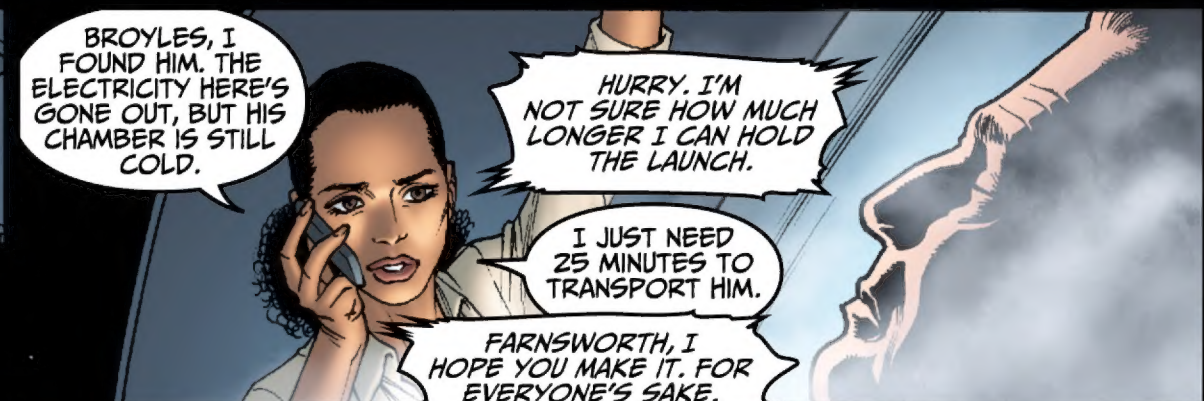
I FOUND
A SPOT FOR
YOU ON ONE OF THE
SHIPS. I WANT YOU
UP THERE WITH PETER
AND OLIVIA. YOU'VE
BECOME QUITE A
LEADER.

AGENT BROYLES,
THANK YOU. BUT I'M NOT
THE PRIORITY. WE NEED TO
FIND WALTER. HE'S THE
ONE WHO COULD MAYBE
FIX ALL THIS.

I UNDERSTAND,
BUT DR. BISHOP'S IN A
PRIVATE FACILITY OUTSIDE
MANHATTAN. THERE ISN'T
TIME. WE HAVE TO FOCUS
ON THOSE WHO CAN
BE SAVED.

"SIR, I'M SORRY.
BUT I'M NOT GOING
WITHOUT HIM."

NEW YORK CITY

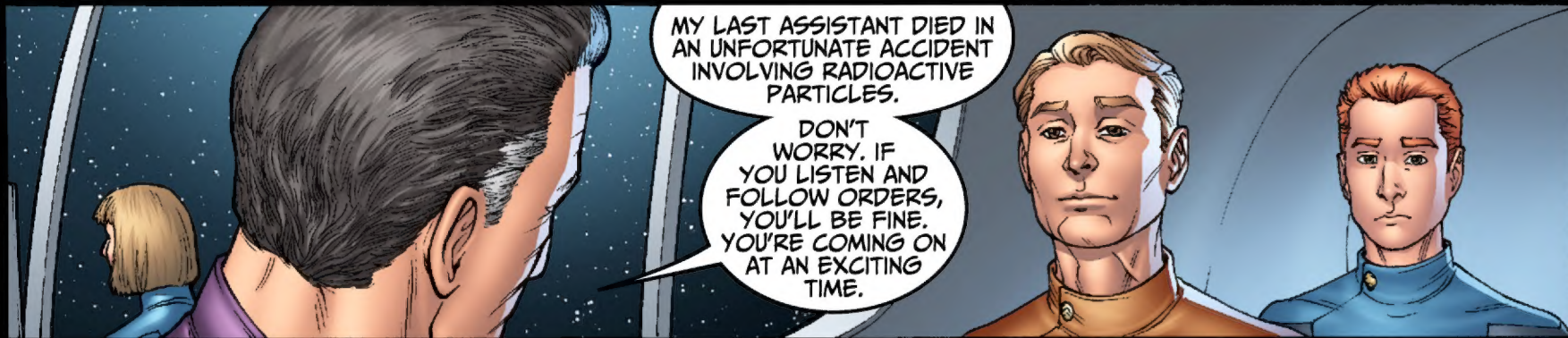


YEAR 2194,
598 LIGHT
YEARS AWAY

We are currently less
than eight hours away
from Earth-like planet,
Euthenia. Should I
review current
ship conditions?

NO,
THANK YOU,
BELLY.

CAPTAIN BISHOP,
I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE
QUINCY, YOUR NEW LAB
ASSISTANT.



MY LAST ASSISTANT DIED IN AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT INVOLVING RADIOACTIVE PARTICLES.

DON'T WORRY. IF YOU LISTEN AND FOLLOW ORDERS, YOU'LL BE FINE. YOU'RE COMING ON AT AN EXCITING TIME.



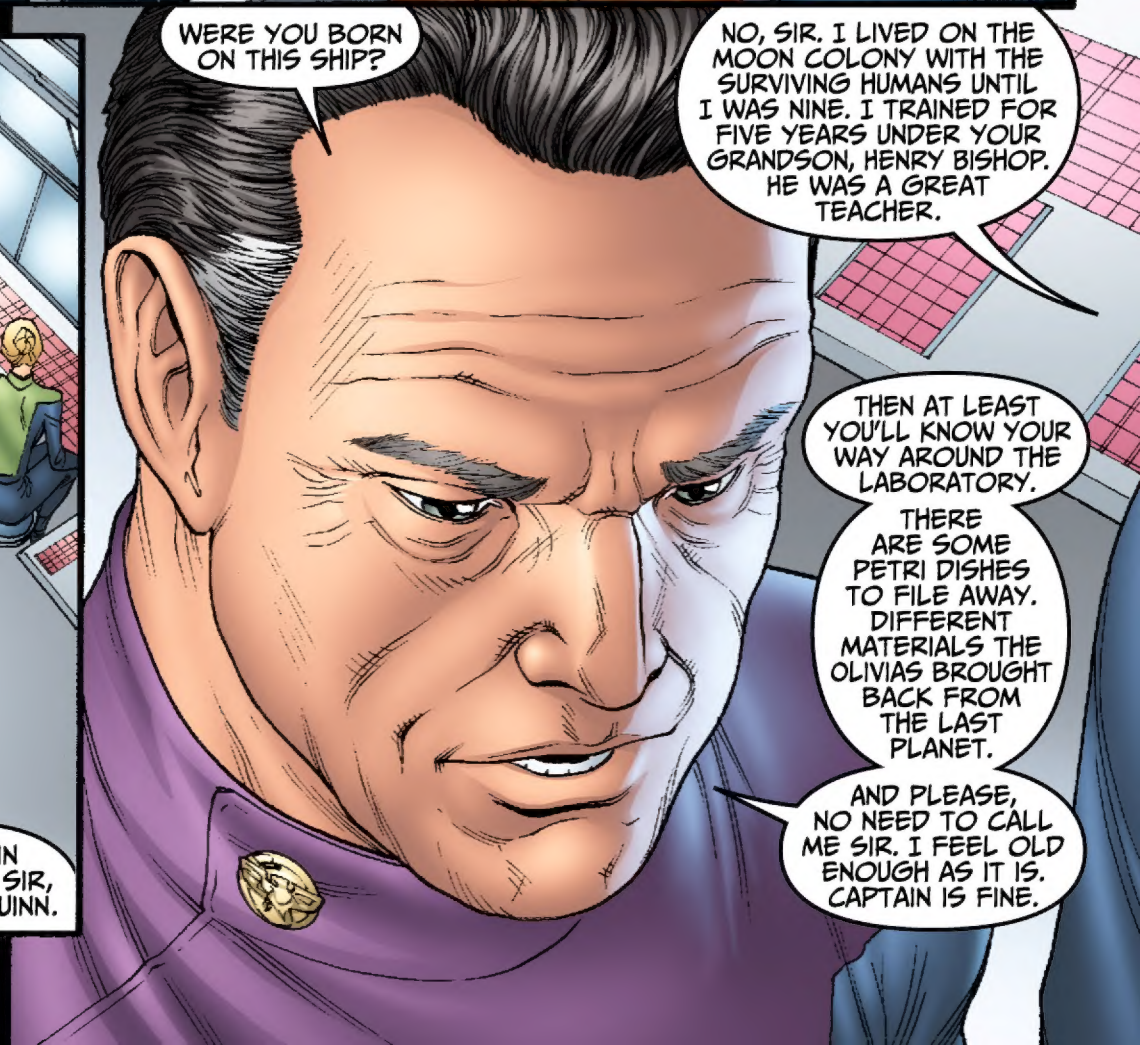
CAPTAIN BISHOP, LET ME JUST SAY, THIS IS A HUGE HONOR.

SO IT'S QUINCY, THEN? LIKE JOHN QUINCY ADAMS?

WHO?

NEVER MIND. SOMEONE FROM THE TIME BEFORE.

I SEE... IN ANY CASE, SIR, I GO BY QUINN.



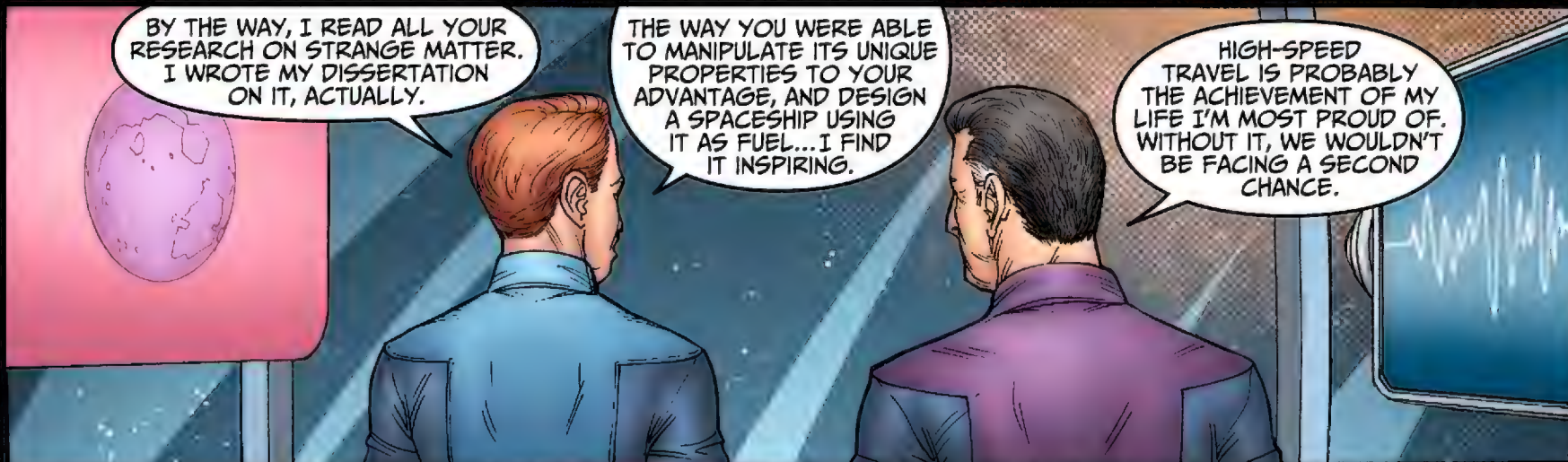
WERE YOU BORN ON THIS SHIP?

NO, SIR. I LIVED ON THE MOON COLONY WITH THE SURVIVING HUMANS UNTIL I WAS NINE. I TRAINED FOR FIVE YEARS UNDER YOUR GRANDSON, HENRY BISHOP. HE WAS A GREAT TEACHER.

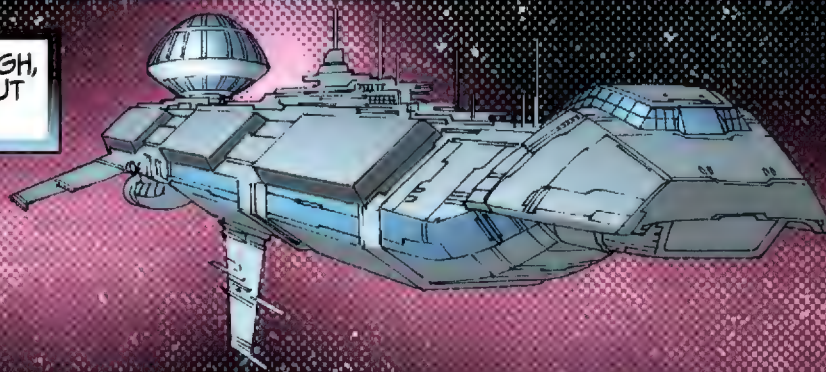
THEN AT LEAST YOU'LL KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND THE LABORATORY.

THERE ARE SOME PETRI DISHES TO FILE AWAY. DIFFERENT MATERIALS THE OLIVIAS BROUGHT BACK FROM THE LAST PLANET.

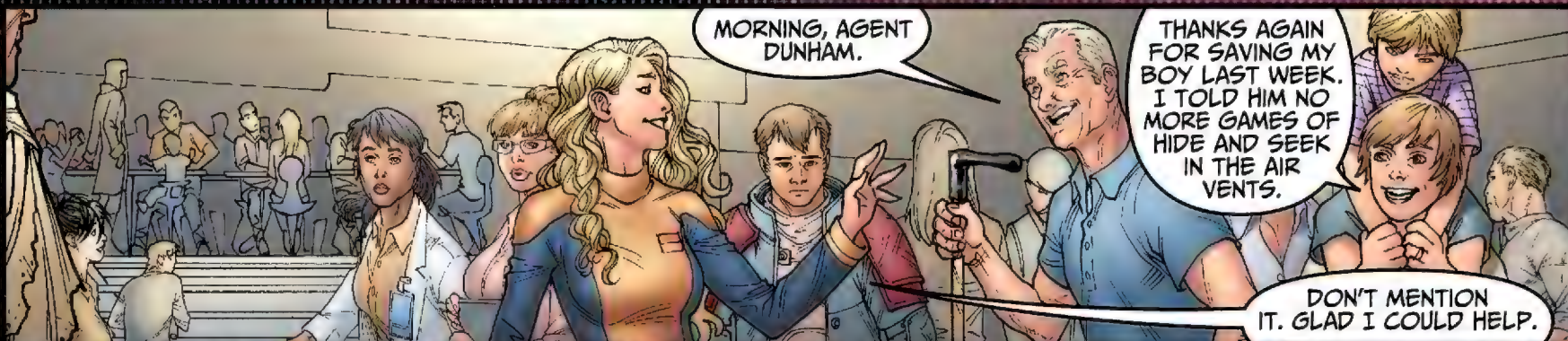
AND PLEASE, NO NEED TO CALL ME SIR. I FEEL OLD ENOUGH AS IT IS. CAPTAIN IS FINE.



"I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED, THOUGH, CAPTAIN. DO YOU WORRY ABOUT THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS?"



"QUINN...I CAN ASSURE YOU, I'VE TAKEN EVERY PRECAUTION AVAILABLE. THE METAL FOR THE FUEL TANK AND ENGINE WAS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED IN MY LAB. AND I ONLY LET THE CLONES BELOW DECK.





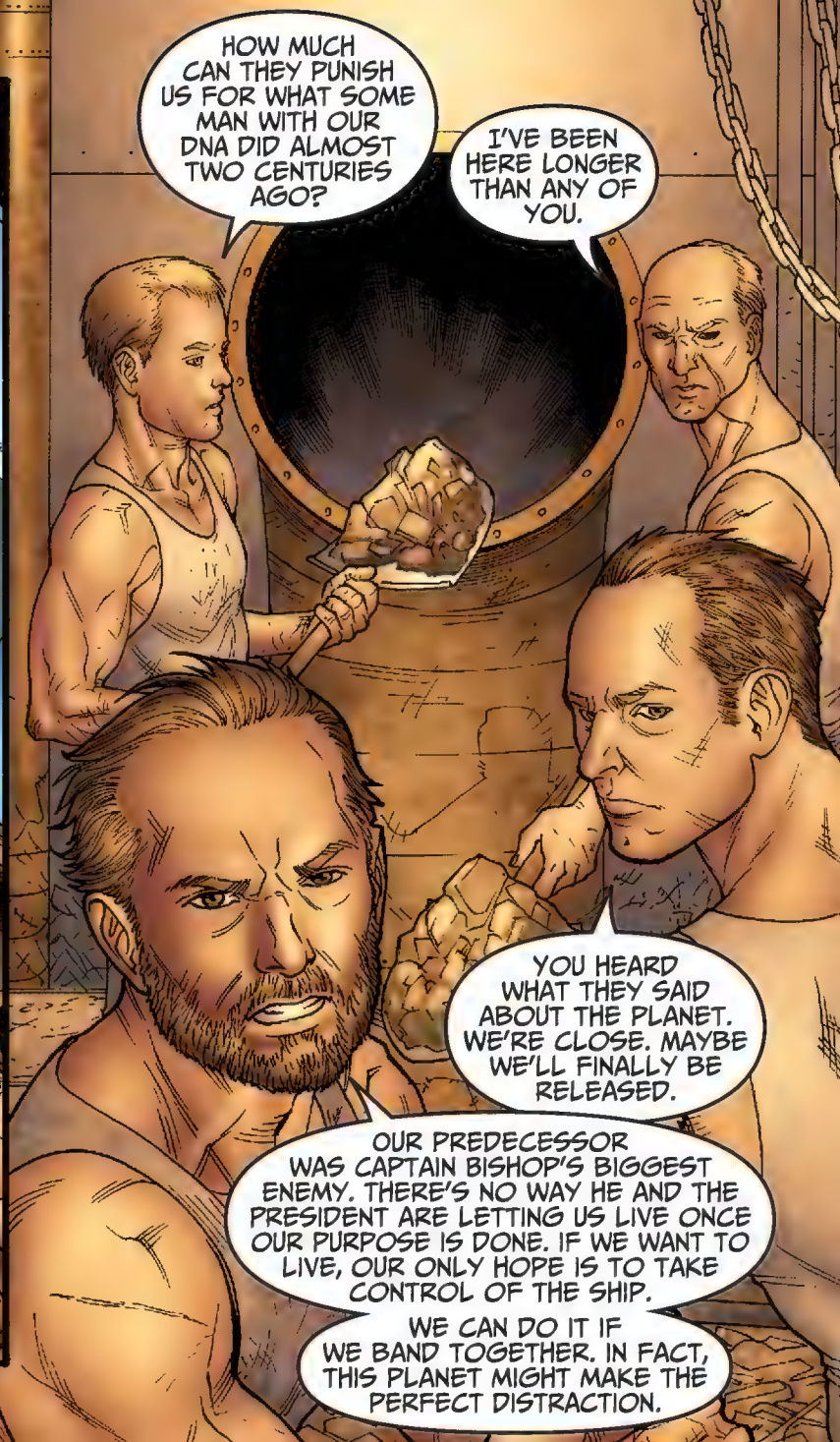
126 AND 127, CAPTAIN'S CALLING US. LEAVE THE DAVID ROBERT JONESES TO THE OTHERS.



COMING.

I'LL MEET YOU AT THE STATION.

DON'T BE LATE. PLANET EUTHENIA AWAITS.



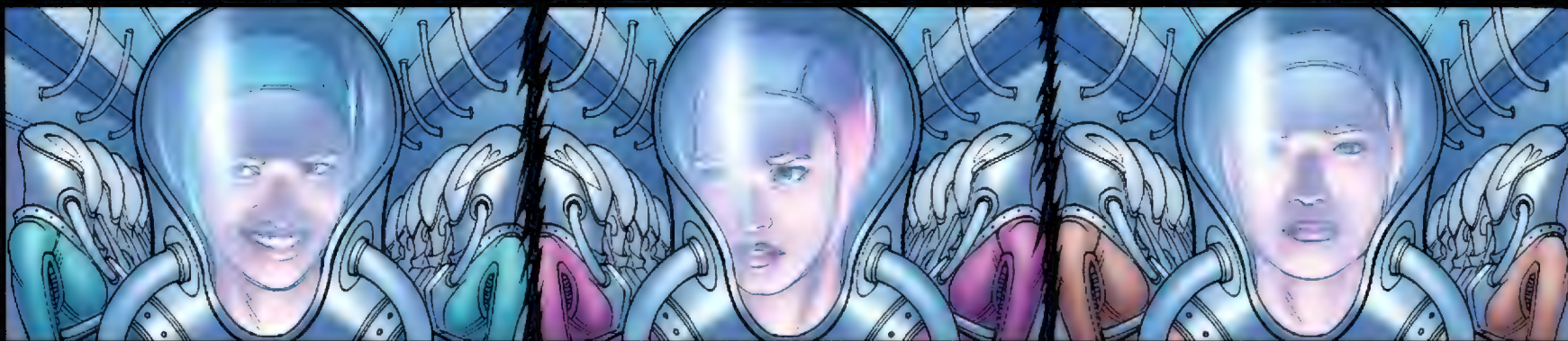
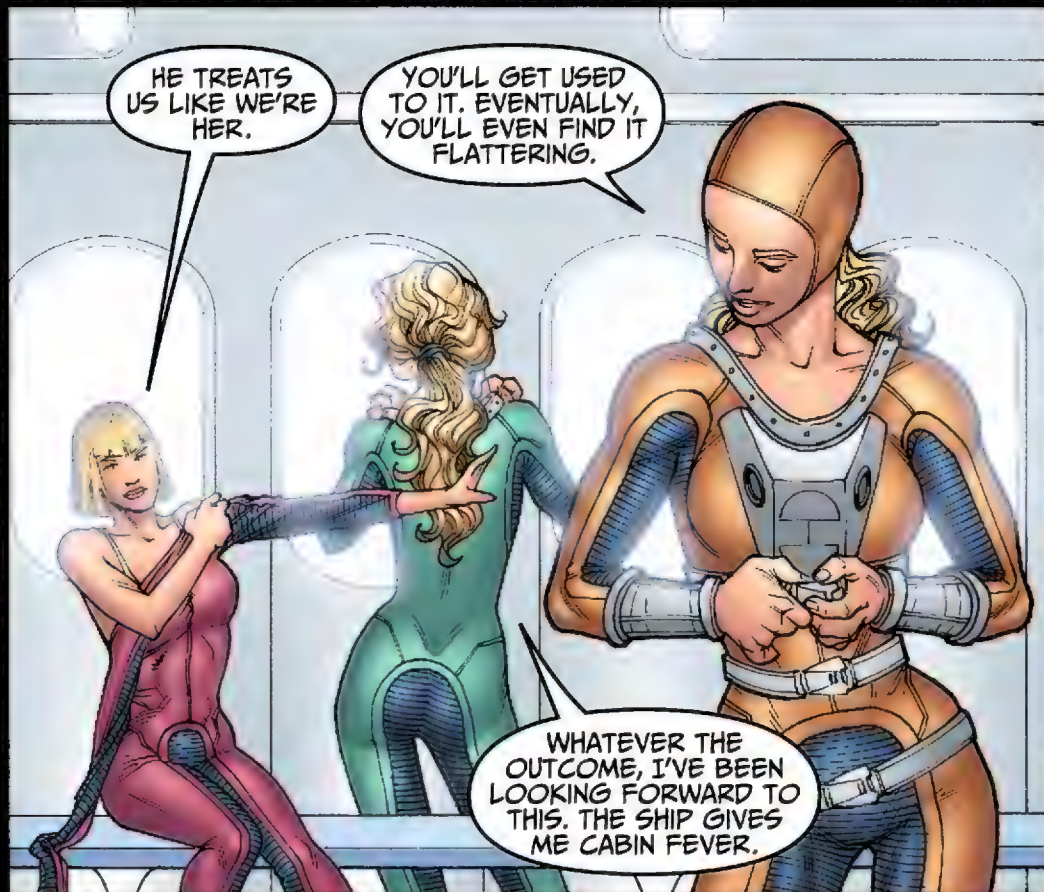
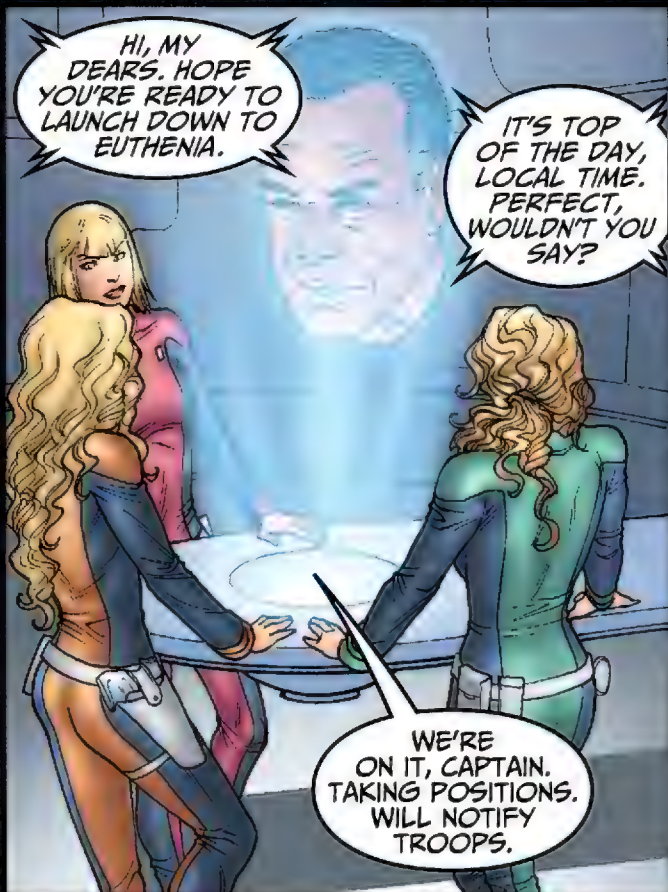
HOW MUCH CAN THEY PUNISH US FOR WHAT SOME MAN WITH OUR DNA DID ALMOST TWO CENTURIES AGO?

I'VE BEEN HERE LONGER THAN ANY OF YOU.

YOU HEARD WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT THE PLANET. WE'RE CLOSE. MAYBE WE'LL FINALLY BE RELEASED.

OUR PREDECESSOR WAS CAPTAIN BISHOP'S BIGGEST ENEMY. THERE'S NO WAY HE AND THE PRESIDENT ARE LETTING US LIVE ONCE OUR PURPOSE IS DONE. IF WE WANT TO LIVE, OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE SHIP.

WE CAN DO IT IF WE BAND TOGETHER. IN FACT, THIS PLANET MIGHT MAKE THE PERFECT DISTRACTION.





ALRIGHT,
CAPTAIN, LANDING WAS
SUCCESSFUL.

A NATURAL
GRAVITATIONAL PULL.
I COULD GET USED
TO THIS.

YOU TWO
GO RIGHT, I'LL
GO LEFT.

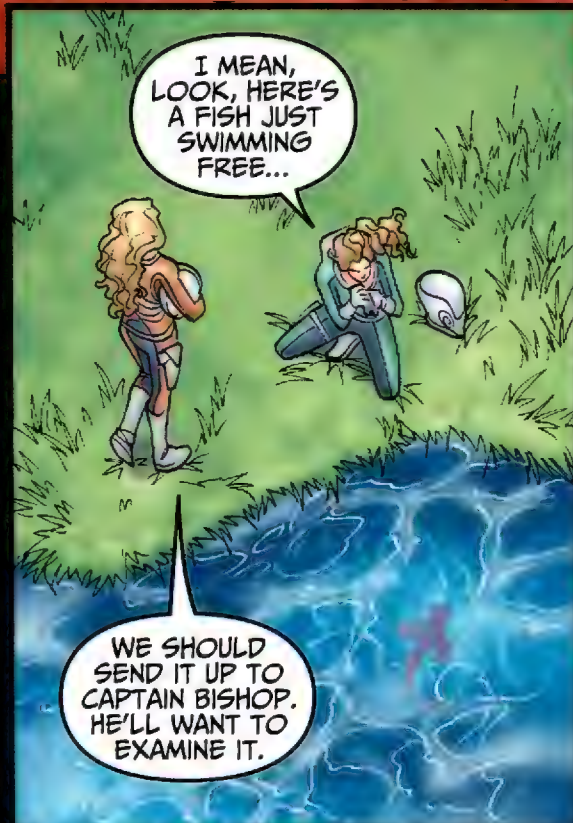


THE OXYGEN READING WAS DECENT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT TO TAKE YOUR HELMETS
OFF. GET SOME FRESH AIR.



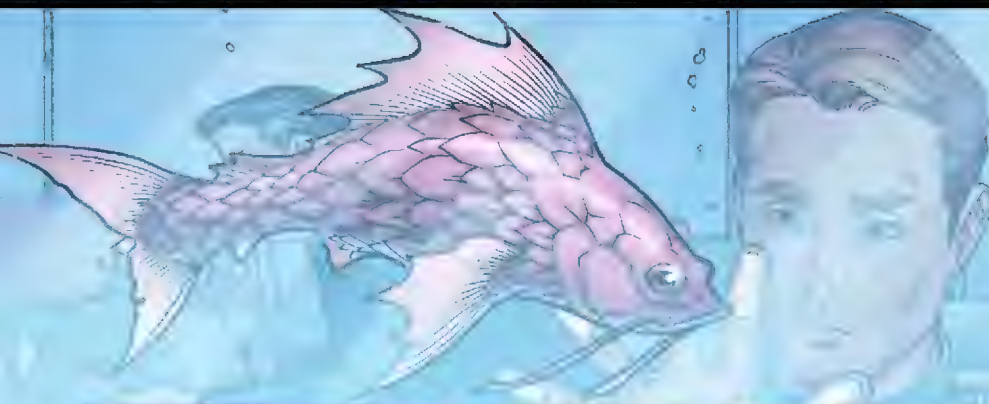
ROGER THAT.
I'M SENDING UP
SOME SOIL AND WATER
SAMPLES. EVEN FOUND
SOME PROMISING
VEGETATION.

CAN YOU
IMAGINE LIVING
HERE? WE COULD
RUN AND SWIM
EVERY DAY.



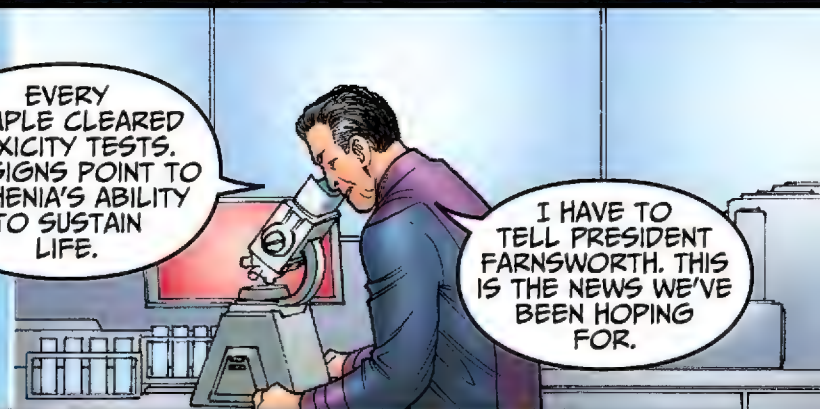
I MEAN,
LOOK, HERE'S
A FISH JUST
SWIMMING
FREE...

WE SHOULD
SEND IT UP TO
CAPTAIN BISHOP.
HE'LL WANT TO
EXAMINE IT.



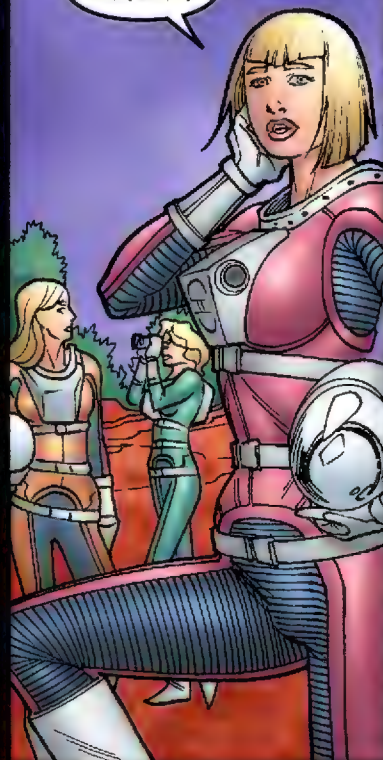
EVERY
SAMPLE CLEARED
TOXICITY TESTS.
ALL SIGNS POINT TO
EUTHENIA'S ABILITY
TO SUSTAIN
LIFE.

I HAVE TO
TELL PRESIDENT
FARNSWORTH. THIS
IS THE NEWS WE'VE
BEEN HOPING
FOR.



CAPTAIN
BISHOP, ARE
YOU THERE?
WE HAVE AN
ISSUE.

CAPTAIN
BISHOP?



Ship now approaching for landing.

CONGRATULATIONS.
I KNOW MY GREAT-GRANDMOTHER
WOULD BE PROUD.

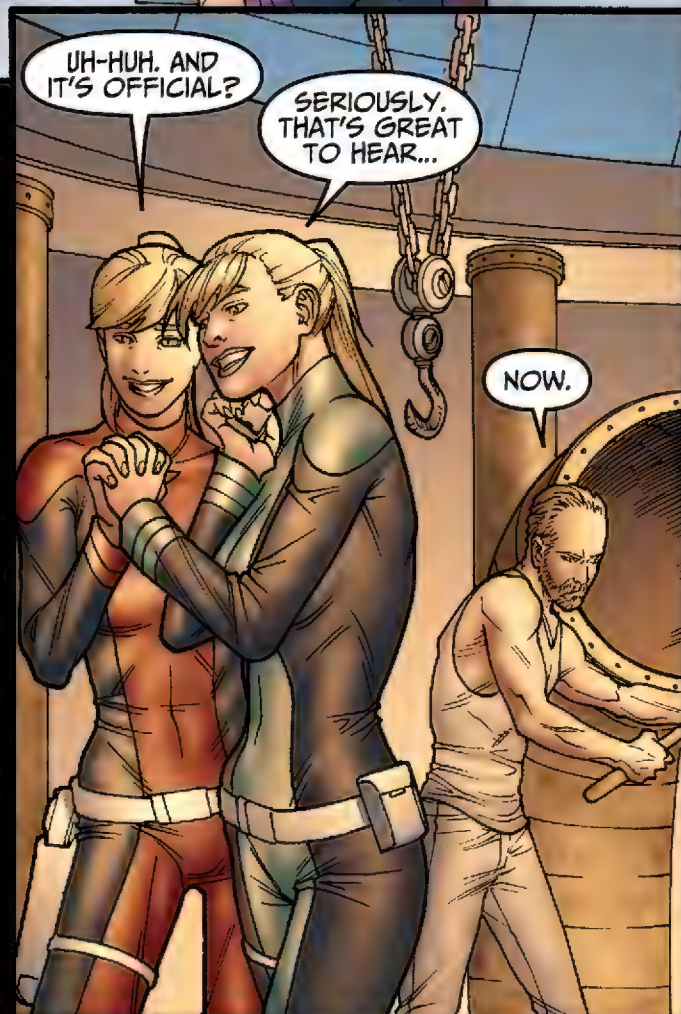


IF IT HADN'T
BEEN FOR HER,
MS. PRESIDENT, NONE
OF US WOULD BE
HERE NOW.

UH-HUH. AND
IT'S OFFICIAL?

SERIOUSLY.
THAT'S GREAT
TO HEAR...

NOW.





UNNHH!



COME ON, UNCHAIN US.

YEAH, WE HAD A DEAL.



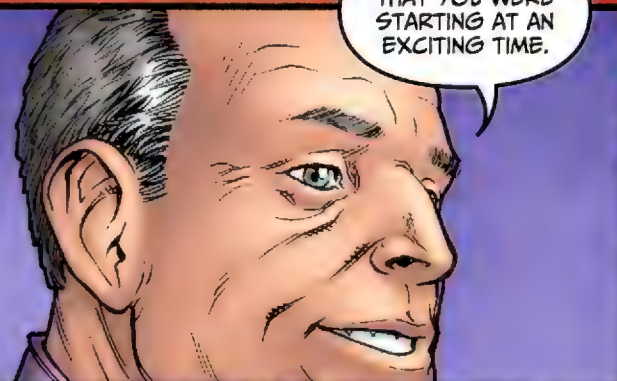
SORRY GENTLEMEN, CHANGE OF PLAN. I'M TAKING OVER THE SHIP.

AND YOU'RE STAYING DOWN HERE TO KEEP THE ENGINES RUNNING.

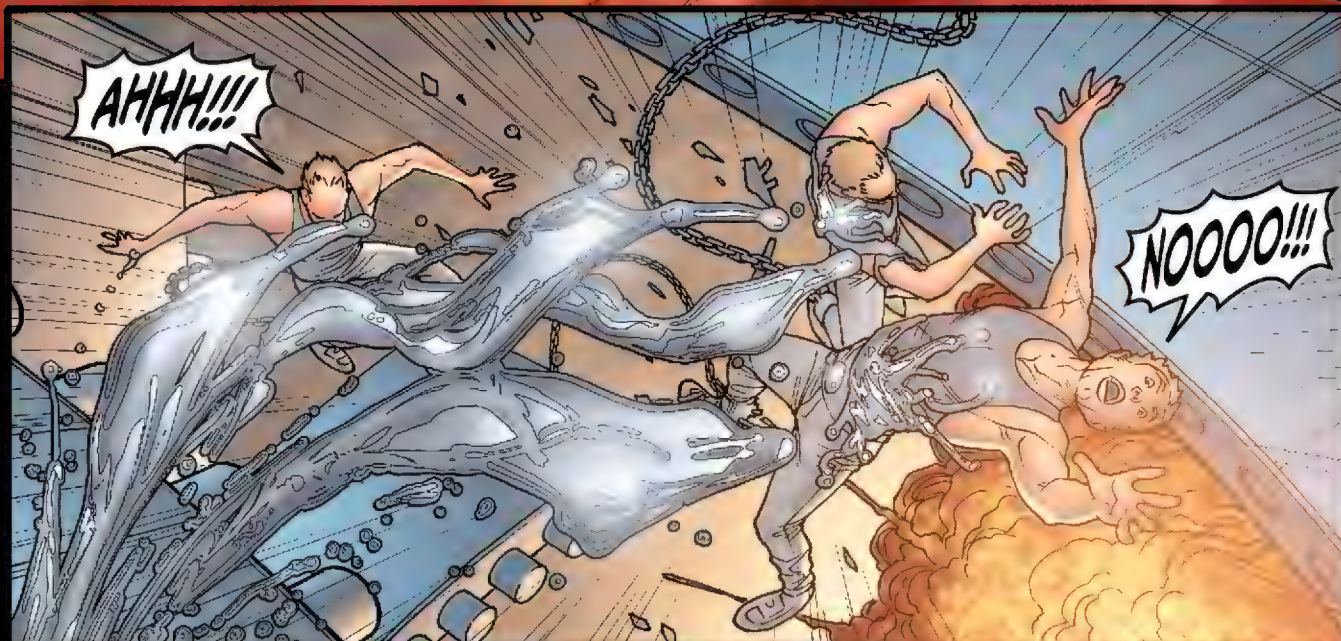
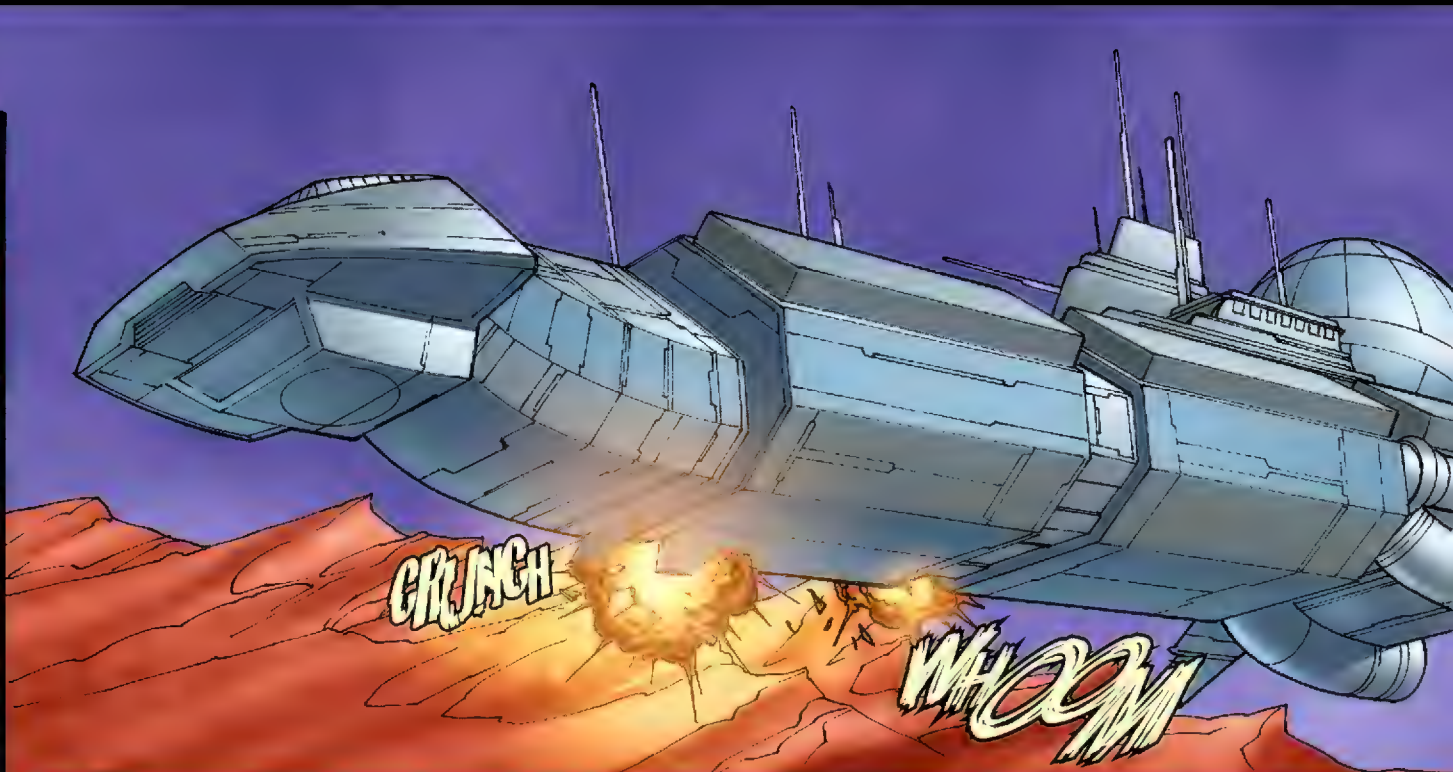
TRAITOR!

TURNCOAT!

PLEASE, WE'RE YOUR OWN KIND!

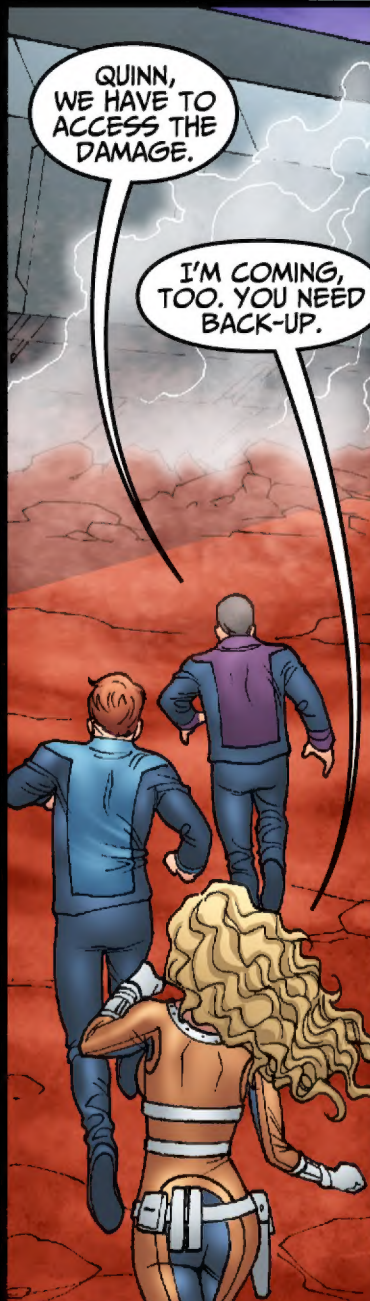








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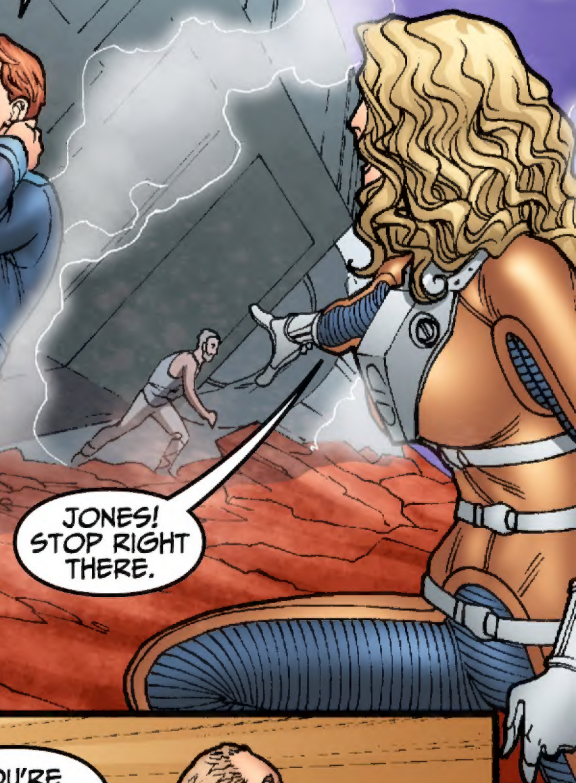
QUINN,
WE HAVE TO
ACCESS THE
DAMAGE.

I'M COMING,
TOO. YOU NEED
BACK-UP.

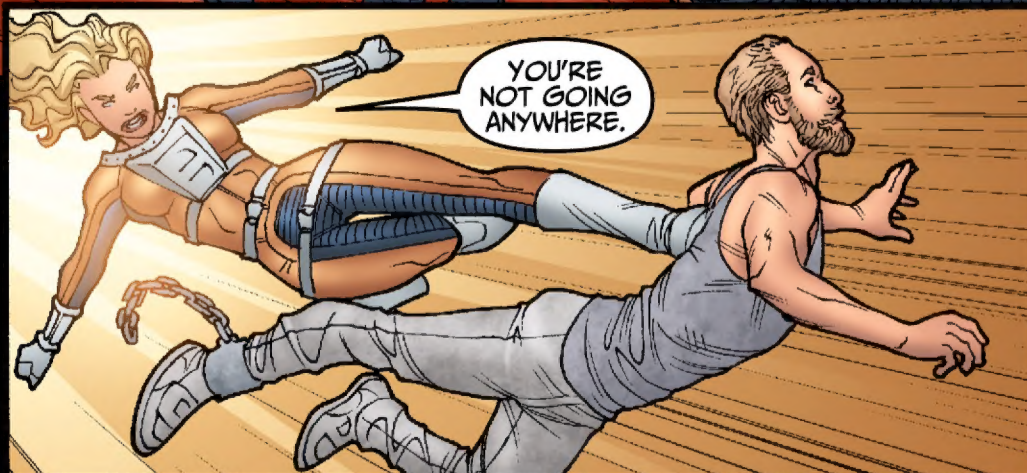


THE SHIP IS DESTROYED.
THE CRASH TOOK OUT THE
LOWER DECK, WHERE THE
ENGINES RUN.

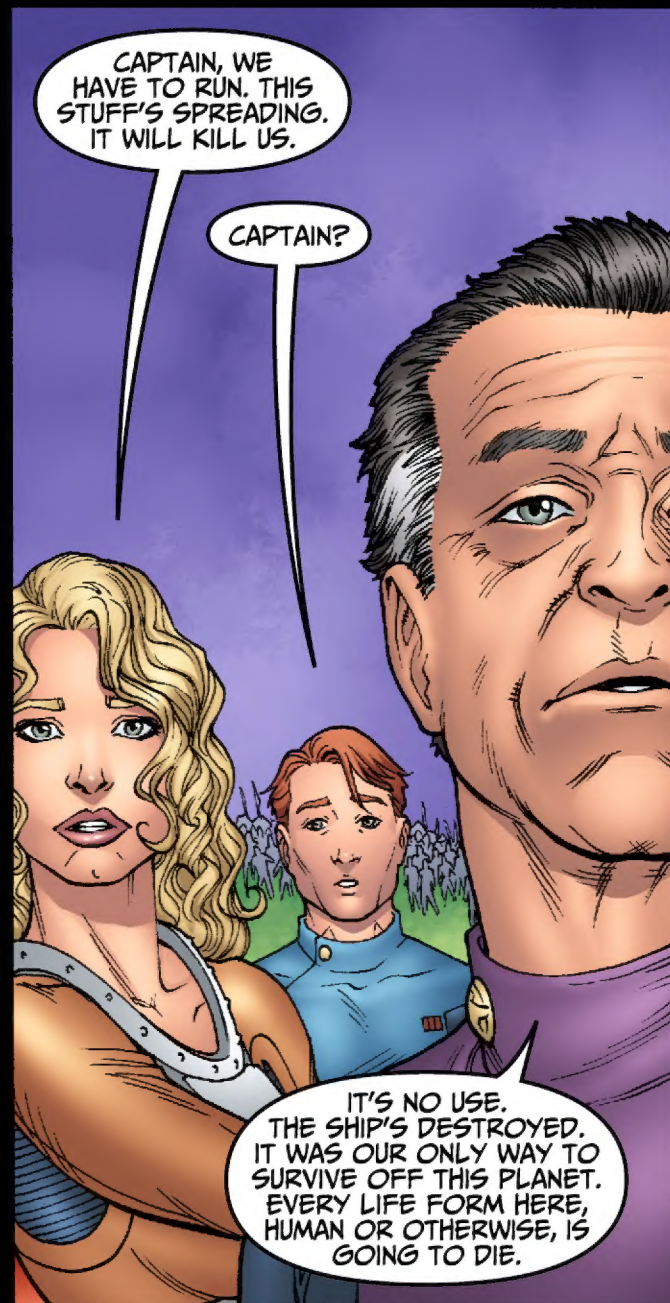
DO YOU
THINK SOMEHOW THIS
COULD HAVE BEEN THE
DAVID ROBERT JONES
CLONES?



JONES!
STOP RIGHT
THERE.



YOU'RE
NOT GOING
ANYWHERE.





I SHOULD NEVER HAVE USED STRANGE MATTER TO FUEL THE SHIP. I SHOULD HAVE FOUND ANOTHER WAY.



IT'S HAPPENING...

WHAT?

OUR WORST FEAR.



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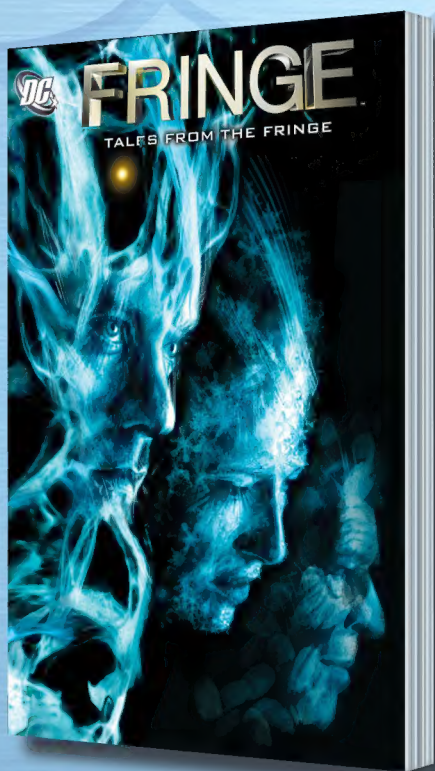
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